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DEPARTEENT AND LONDON FOR ASST. SECRETARY MOOSE

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

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1. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, NYERERE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE DURING
25 FEBRUARY - 10 MARCH. WE SEE NO SPECIAL ADVANTAGE OR DIS-
ADVANTAGES TO ANY PARTICULAR ORDER OF STOPS, OTHER THAN PERHAPS
MOOSE'S CONVENIENCE IN DIRECT BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT TO DAR
25 FEBRUARY.

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2. VISIT OF SENIOR WASHINGTON OFFICIAL TO REGION AT THIS TIME
HAS GOOD OPPORTUNITIES, BUT WITHIN WHAT APPEARS TO BE SOME
CLEARLY DEFINED CONSTRAINTS. FCO'S RELUCTANCE TO TALK WITH
FRONT LINE NOW (LONDON 2830) IS MATCHED BY WHAT WE HEAR IS
TANGOV'S DISINCLINATION TO TALK FURTHER WITH BRITISH ABOUT
RHODESIA UNTIL UK GIVES PUBLIC INDICATION THAT IT RESUPPORTS
UK/US PROPOSALS.

3. MINFORNAFFAIRS ACTING DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST
POLANGYO, WHO ATTENDS NYERERE-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ON SOUTHERN
AFRICAN ISSUES, TOLD US INFORMALLY AT WEEKEND SOCIAL OCCASION
THAT HE BELIEVED TANGOV WOULD BE WILLING TO "PRESS PF AS HARD
AS WE DID SWAPO" TO GET AGREEMENT IN ANY POST-MALTA FOLLOW-UP
SESSIONS ON UK/US PROPOSALS. HOWEVER, OWEN'S PARLIAMENTARY
STATEMENTS "WELCOMING" SALISBURY ANNOUNCEMENT PULLED RUG FROM
UNDER TANGOV'S SUPPORT OF THAT APPROACH AND TANGOV WAS NOT
INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH BRITISH ABOUT FURTHER COOPERATION UNTIL
FIRM UK RETURN TO FOLD, POLANGYO SAID. EMBASSY BELIEVES TANGOV
WILL BE RAZOR-EDGE CLOSE TO FORECLOSING PROSPECT OF ANY BUT
MILITARY SOLUTION TO ZIMBABWE PROBLEM ONCE IT LEARNS OF OWEN'S
EFFORTS TO GET NKOMO TO ABANDON SHIP WITH BRITIS AND JOIN
INTERNAL SETTLEMENT (LONDON 2828).

4. THUS, TANGOV, WHICH THUS FAR HAS SPARED US THE VITRIOLIC
ATTACK DIRECTED AT BRITISH OVER RHODESIA DURING PAST SEVERAL
DAYS (DAR ES SALAAM 0696), WOULD BEST WELCOME MOOSE VISIT AS
A US EVENT, NOT A US/UK ONE. WE SHOULD LET BRITISH TAKE HEAT
OF THEIR OWN KITCHEN.

5. TANGOV WOULD CERTAINLY BE INTERESTED IN HEARING FROM VISITING
SENIOR US EMISSARY THAT USG FOR ITS PART STILL BELIEVES UK/US
PROPOSALS OFFER BEST PROSPECTS FOR ZIMBABWE SETTLEMENT, AND THAT
WE DO NOT CONTEMPLATE SWITCH OVER TO INTERNAL SOLUTION. MOOSE
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WOULD BE SEEKING NYERERE'S VIEWS OF WHAT US ROLE NOW SHOULD BE
IN ZIMBABWE PROBLEM AND POSSIBLY HIS REACTION TO SOME INITIAL
THOUGHTS WE HAVE.

6. IN ANY EVENT, MOOSE'S VISIT WOULD OCCUR AT A TIME WHEN DUST
NOT AT ALL SETTLED AROUND HERE ON ZIMBABWE ISSUE FOLLOWING
SALISBURY ANNOUNCEMENT, AND WHEN TANGOV SHARPLY DISTRUSTFUL
OF BRITISH.
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